

**STATE BOARD ADVISORY PANEL
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Arizona State Advisory Panel for Special Education held a joint meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Commission at the Arizona Dept. of Education, 2005 N. Central Ave., Room 106 and 107, Phoenix, Arizona, on March 2, 2010, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Members Present

Molly Bright
Ronald L. Clanton
Susan Douglas
Dr. Barbara Ganz
Robert Hill, Ed.S.
Gail Jacobs, Ed.D.
Dr. Ida Malian
Kimberly A. Peaslee
Terisa Rademacher, Co-chair
Kay B. Turner, Ed.D, Vice-chairperson
Char Ugol
Nancy K. Williams, Co-Chair

Others Present

Valerie Andrews James, ADE/ECSE
Cyndi Bolewski, ADE/ESS
Roberta Brown, ADE/ESS
Colette Chapman, ADE/ESS
Becky Raabe, ADE/ESS
Jeannette Zemeida, ADE/ESS

ICC Members

Rita Aitken
Maria Bravo
Maureen Casey
Susan Greer
Val James
Barbara Kramer
Allison Landy
Sonya Montoya
Linda Tasco
Ginger Ward
Connie Williams
Brad Willis

Members Absent

M. Diane Bruening
D.J. Carpenter
Sam Carpenter
Dave Graham
Ileen G. Herberg
Alecia Jackson
Kathy McDonald
Kim Simmons

Minutes Approved (As Read)(As Amended)

Chairperson: _____

Signature

Date

Topic	Discussion	Outcome
1. Call to order.	Terisa Rademacher, Co-Chair, Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	1. None.
2. Welcome and Introductions.	<p>Ms. Rademacher welcomed members of SEAP and the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) to the annual joint meeting.</p> <p>ICC and SEAP members introduced themselves.</p>	2. None.
3. Public comment.	Ms. Rademacher welcomed the public in attendance. She explained to those present the procedures for making a comment. Anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item was asked to fill out a brief questionnaire stating which agenda item they wished to comment on. That person would then be called on when that item was discussed.	3. None.
4. Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) and Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Workgroup Report.	<p>Valerie Andrews James, Director, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), member of the ICC is the chairperson for the workgroup and reported on the group's activities.</p> <p>Ms. James reviewed the reason for the creation of the workgroup at last year's joint ICC/SEAP meeting. The workgroup was developed to address the Early Childhood Transition. She also introduced workgroup members.</p> <p>Ms. James reviewed the materials that have been created by the workgroup. Several presentations are currently being used in trainings by both Raising Special Kids (RSK) and the Parent Information Network (PIN).</p> <p>Ms. James gave the Panels the number of workshops that have been held by RSK and PIN specialists and provided the group with a schedule of upcoming workshops by each organization. A copy of the upcoming workshops was sent out to Special Education Directors and Early Childhood Special Education Coordinators.</p> <p>The workgroup has nearly completed a flyer that can be given to parents which explains preschool transition. It will be entitled: "I'm Turning 3; What's Next for Me?" The workgroup took many of its ideas from the PACER Center. The brochure will contain resources for parents to access and a parent-friendly chart regarding transition. Workgroup members will bring the finalized brochure to ICC and SEAP meetings for feedback and final approval.</p> <p><i>Public Comment: Rita Kenison, Raising Special Kids: Thanked ICC and SEAP for taking a proactive approach on creating training materials. She believes that it will have a positive impact for parents. Still need to find new ways to reach parents in their homes – possibly webinars.</i></p>	4. None.

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	Ms. James fielded questions and suggestions.	
5. Hearing Screenings.	<p>Maureen Casey, Chairperson, ICC, informed the group that at the last ICC meeting concerns regarding hearing screenings were discussed. Collaboration between Part B and Part C groups is needed to ensure that children are receiving this needed service. ICC members concluded that this topic may warrant another ICC and SEAP workgroup.</p> <p>Ms. James gave the Panels a background on the issue of hearing screenings. A child that hasn't been properly tested can have his service needs delayed for several months while waiting for testing. She expressed her concerns about invalid and/or delayed testing.</p> <p>Panel members discussed their ideas and concerns regarding this issue. Areas of workgroup focus included: resources, training in the field and retraining of medical community to help them understand the educational needs.</p> <p>The following individuals volunteered to be on the ICC/SEAP Workgroup for Hearing Screenings: Robert Hill (SEAP), Char Ugol (SEAP), Molly Bright (SEAP), Alisson? (ICC), Connie Williams (ICC), Valerie Andrews James (ICC) and Rita Aiken/Judy Walker (Department of Health Services, ICC). It was suggested that members of outside groups, such as the Arizona Academy of Pediatrics, be invited to join the workgroup as well. Ms. James volunteered to chair the workgroup.</p> <p>Ms. Casey summarized the focus of the group. The basic charge is: asset mapping, training for equipment use, training for medical professionals (importance of hearing screening for education) and distribution of information to parents.</p>	5. None.
6. Adjournment.	<p>The next joint meeting will be scheduled in March 2011.</p> <p>Ms. Rademacher adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.</p>	6. Adjournment.